

Demographic and Statistical Information

U.S. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

Calendar Year	U.S. Consumer Price Index	Percent Change
1971	41.1	
1972	42.5	3.4
1973	46.3	8.9
1974	51.9	12.1
1975	55.6	7.1
1976	58.4	5.0
1977	62.3	6.7
1978	67.9	9.0
1979	76.9	13.3
1980	86.4	12.4
1981	94.1	8.9
1982	97.7	3.8
1983	101.4	3.8
1984	105.5	4.0
1985	109.5	3.8
1986	110.8	1.2
1987	115.6	4.3
1988	120.7	4.4
1989	126.3	4.6
1990	134.2	6.3
1991	138.2	3.0
1992	142.3	3.0
1993	146.3	2.8
1994	150.1	2.6
1995	153.9	2.5
1996	159.1	3.4
1997	161.8	1.7
1998	164.4	1.6
1999	168.8	2.7
2000	174.6	3.4
2001	177.3	1.5
2002	181.6	2.4
2003	185.0	1.9
2004	191.2	3.4
2005	197.7	3.4

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GENERAL

Gallatin County is situated on the eastern slope of the Rocky Mountains. It encompasses 2,510 square miles in southwestern Montana and is bordered by Yellowstone National Park to the south. Bozeman, the county's largest city, is located 143 miles west of Billings and 160 miles east of Missoula. The County is currently the State's fifth largest county based on population. The economy of the area is most notably impacted by the contributions of Montana State University, agriculture, technology-based businesses, tourism, recreation and trade center activities.



POPULATION

According to the U.S. Bureau of the Census, Gallatin County had a 2000 Census population of 67,831, an increase of 34.4% over the 1990 Census estimate. Historical population figures for the City, the County and the State of Montana since 1980 are set forth below to show population trends in the area. More than 90% of the County's population lives either in Bozeman or within a 30-minute drive of Bozeman. Since 1990, both the City and the County have experienced some of the highest rates of population growth in the State. According to population projections compiled by the Montana Department of Commerce, the County is projected to have a population of 84,870 by 2020, a 25% increase over current estimates. The State of Montana is projected to have a population of 1,079,060 by 2020, a 20% increase over current estimates.

Year	City of <u>Bozeman</u>	Percent of <u>Change</u>	Gallatin <u>County</u>	Percent of <u>Change</u>	State of <u>Montana</u>	Percent of <u>Change</u>
2000	27,059	21.4%	67,831	34.4%	902,195	12.9%
1990	22,660	4.7	50,463	17.7	799,065	1.6
1980	21,645	15.9	42,865	31.9	786,690	13.3

Economic Information

Gallatin County is a fast growing county known for its year-round vacation and recreation opportunities, higher education facilities at Montana State University, technology-based businesses, and agricultural products such as beef, wheat, feed grains and hay. Founded in 1864 under the Montana Territory Law, the City of Bozeman, the County seat, was a commercial center during Montana's gold rush days providing the numerous mining camps in the area with supplies. The productive soils of the Gallatin Valley enhanced its position as a regional distribution point. After the frontier mining days had passed, the City further developed as an agricultural and commercial trade center for southwestern Montana.

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Agriculture

Gallatin County is a major agricultural area. The County's primary agricultural commodities are livestock and dairy products, hay, alfalfa, wheat, barley, and potatoes. In 2000, the County ranked first in the State for hay, alfalfa, and potato production, and the number of milk cows and heifers. The County ranked eighth out of 56 counties in the State in total 2000 agricultural cash receipts.

Other Data

Class of County	First Class
Form of Government	Commission
County Seat	Bozeman
Year Organized	1889
Registered Voters	34,325
Courthouse Elevation	4,795
Incorporated Cities	Bozeman & Belgrade
Incorporated Towns	Manhattan, Three Forks, West Yellowstone
Elected Officials	13.65
Sworn Sheriff Deputies	49.00
<u>Motor Vehicle Activity</u>	
Registrations	132,680
Titles	100,164
Amount Collected	\$15 million
Real & Personal Property Taxes	\$71.1 million

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GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND

Maximum Allowable Debt - Gallatin County, Montana

Assessed Valuation: FY 05 Certified Market Value \$ 5,004,202,230

Factor Allowed for Indebtedness 1.4%

Total Indebtedness Allowed \$ 70,058,831

Less Current Indebtedness:

Rest Home Bond	\$ 466,604
Open Lands Bond	3,260,000
Open Lands Bond 2003	3,765,000
Open Lands Bond (not Issued)	2,200,000
Open Lands Bond 2004 Voted Levy	10,000,000
Capital Leases	1,057,141
Loans (Courthouse Remodel, Guenther)	1,901,962
Re-entry Approved	800,000
Library Loan - Available	150,000
Fair Loan - Approved	380,000
Warrants (estimate)	365,000

Total Current Indebtedness \$ 24,345,707

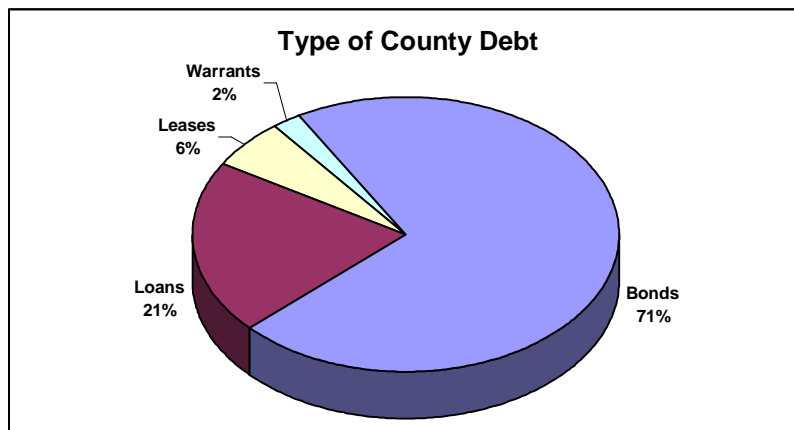
Maximum Indebtedness Available (7-1-2005) \$ 45,713,124

Proposed Debt FY 06:

Approved Law & Justice Center Remodel	999,000
Proposed Road/Weed	620,000
Proposed Courthouse Annex	999,000
Proposed Joint Dispatch Building	999,000
Proposed Mental Health Building	999,000

Total Proposed Debt \$ 4,616,000

Net Amount of Debt Available \$ 41,097,124



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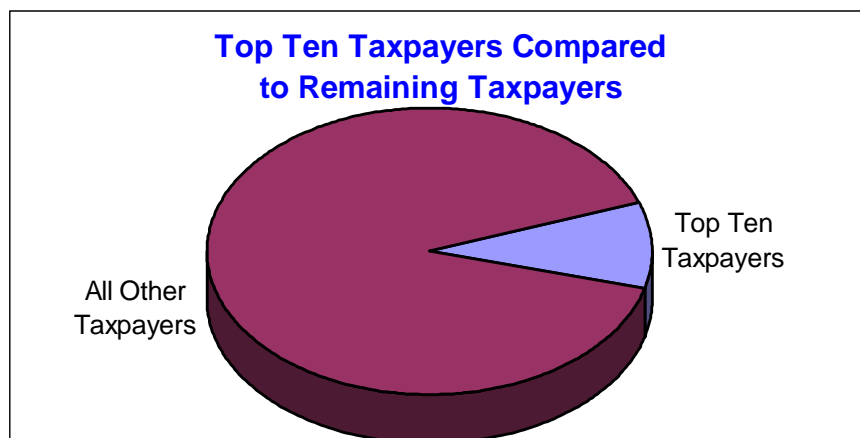
TOP TEN TAXPAYERS - GALLATIN COUNTY

2005/06

TAXPAYER	BUSINESS	TAXABLE VALUE
Northwestern Energy	Electric Utility	\$ 11,362,305
Qwest Corporation	Telecommunications	1,920,959
Montana Rail Link	Railroad	1,066,872
Luzenac America, Inc	Talc Processing Facility	799,967
Holcim, Inc.	Cement Manufacturer	718,154
Harry Daum	Mall/Developer	501,727
Zoot Properties, LLC	Technology	479,256
WalMart	Retail	403,388
Sky West Airlines	Airline	375,472
Bridger Peaks, LLC	Retail Shopping Center	322,035
Total		\$ 17,950,135 (1)

(1) Represents 10.7 of the County's total 2005/06 taxable value of \$167,526,411

Source: Department of Revenue - Gallatin County



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